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Leonardo Chingcuanco
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RE: Environmental Data on City Owned Properties within the USS Lead Superfund Site

Dear Attorney Chingcuanco:

The City shared the attached list of City owned properties within the USS Lead Superfund with the understanding that the EPA would provide the City with existing data regarding lead levels at these properties. It is our understanding that the EPA collected soil samples from many of these properties in the past. The properties may or may not have been owned by the City at the time of the sampling. The City has subsequently become the owner of hundreds of tax delinquent properties, including many parcels located within the Superfund.

This morning, the EPA has requested that the City immediately execute access agreements to conduct additional environmental testing at these properties. The City asks that the EPA first honor our request for existing data. By this letter, the City is requesting all existing data, including but not limited to soil boring and other results for every city owned property within the Superfund for which the EPA has data on lead, arsenic, or other contaminants.

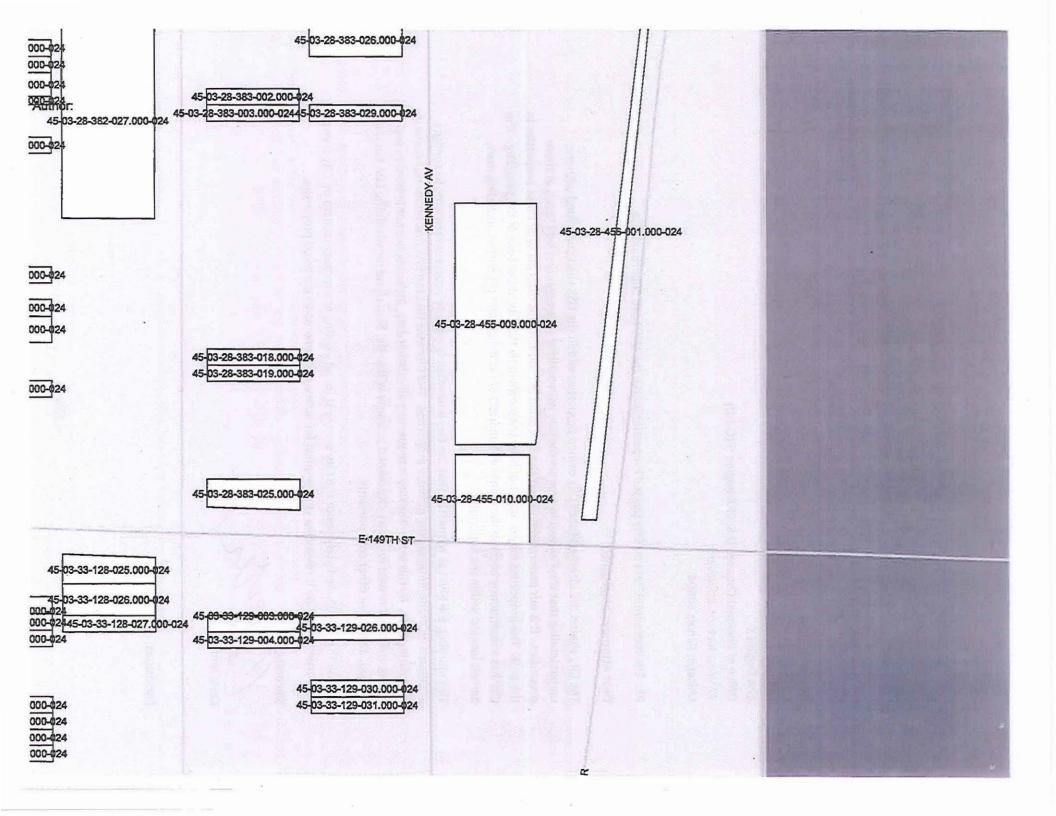
We ask that you immediately honor the City's request for all existing environmental data on City owned properties. The City is reviewing your request for access agreements to the listed properties.

Sincerely

Carla Morgan

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